

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) [A cable support apparatus.] Apparatus for supporting a cable extending through a structure, the apparatus comprising:
a body portion;
a substantially planar head portion having a first surface integrally attached to one end of [said] the body portion, [said] the head portion having a [substantially smooth] second surface intersecting [said] the first surface;
a passageway extending through [said] the body portion and [said] the head portion for receiving and supporting a portion of the cable therethrough;
a retainer on an exterior surface of [said] the body portion;
at least two installation holes in [said] the second surface of [said] the head portion;
and
an installation tool comprising:
an arcuate body portion;
a handle attached to [said] the arcuate body portion; and
engagement projections protruding from [said] the arcuate body portion and corresponding to [said] the installation holes in [said] the head portion, such that when the engagement projections are inserted into the corresponding installation holes in the head portion and an installation force is applied to the installation tool, the installation tool imparts the installation force to the head portion while the cable protrudes through the passageway in the head portion.

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3. (Currently amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein [said] the installation holes are diametrically opposed.
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6. (Currently amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein [said] the retainer comprises a spiral thread.
7. (Currently amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein [said] the body portion is conical shaped.
8. (Currently amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein [said] the head portion has a thickness of less than or equal to one sixteenth of an inch.
9. (Currently amended) The cable support apparatus of claim 1 wherein [said] the head portion and [said] the body portion are integrally molded together from polymeric material.

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus for supporting a cable through a structure,
the apparatus comprising:

a conical body portion;
a low profile substantially planar head portion having a first surface integrally attached
to [said] the body portion, [said] the head portion having a [substantially smooth] second
surface intersecting [said] the first surface;
a passageway extending through [said] the head portion and [said] the body portion for
receiving and supporting a portion of the cable therethrough;

a spiral thread formed on an exterior surface of [said] the body portion;
a pair of holes in [said] the second surface of [said] the head portion; and
an installation tool comprising:
an arcuate body portion;
a handle attached to [said] the arcuate body portion; and
engagement projections protruding from [said] the arcuate body portion and
corresponding to [said] the installation holes in [said] the head portion, such that when
the engagement projections are inserted into the corresponding installation holes in the
head portion and an installation force is applied to the installation tool, the installation
tool imparts the installation force to the head portion while the cable protrudes through
the passageway in the head portion.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein [said] the holes are
diametrically opposed to each other.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion, said] wherein the structure comprises a wall having an exterior surface with a color and wherein [said] the second surface of [said] the head portion has a color that is the same as the color of the exterior surface of the wall.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein [said] the body portion has a color that is dissimilar from the color of [said] the head portion.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10 [further comprising a wall for receiving said conical body portion therin] wherein the structure comprises a wall having an exterior surface with a wall covering thereon and wherein [said] the apparatus comprises a piece of the wall covering attached to [said] the head portion.

15. (Currently amended) A method of installing a cable through a structure, [said] the method comprising:
providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and a proximal end with a substantially planar head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low profile and a substantially smooth exterior surface with at least two cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion and the head portion;

providing a hole in the structure sized to receive the body portion of the bushing;
inserting the distal end of the bushing into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and applying an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure;

removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure;

inserting a cable into the passageway; and
reinserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and applying an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be tightened into the hole in the structure while the cable protrudes outward through the passageway.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

applying a covering to the structure prior to [said] the providing a hole in the structure; and

applying the covering to the head portion of the bushing.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion of the bushing prior to [said] the inserting the engagement [portions] protrusions.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure.

19. (Currently amended) A method of supporting a cable extending through a hole in a structure, said method comprising:

providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and a proximal end having a substantially planar head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low profile and a substantially smooth exterior surface with at least two cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion and the head portion;

insering the cable through the passageway in the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the body portion into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and simultaneously applying a rotational force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure while a portion of the cable protrudes from the passageway; and

removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

and applying a covering to the structure prior to [said] the providing a hole in the structure; and applying the covering to the head portion of the bushing.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion of the bushing prior to [said] the inserting the engagement portions.
22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure.